



## King County

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### **King County Community Organizing Program Advisory Board Meeting Minutes June 21, 2011 SOAR Conference Room**

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Board Members present: Liz Wilhelm, Co-Chair; Mark Howard, City of Seattle Emergency Management Services, Co-Chair; Constance Perenyi, Friends of Third Place Commons, Helena Stephens, City of Bellevue, Kimberly Walker, Intern, City of Bellevue

Guests present: Jim Vollendroff, Assistant Division Director, King County MHCADS; Geoff Miller, King County Project/ Program Manager III

Staff Members present: Laura Quinn, Community Organizer; Sharon Toquinto, Prevention and Treatment Manager.

#### **I. OPENING AND UPDATES**

Board and staff introduced themselves and gave updates on their work.  
The Board minutes from May were approved.

#### **II. PROGRAM REPORTS AND UPDATES**

##### **1. Year End Community Organizer Report**

Laura gave her year-end report on all of her community organizing activities. She detailed all of the coalitions with whom she has worked, as well as the mini-grants that she gave out, and tied each to the addressed risk or protective factor, as well as to its relevance to the COP work plan as submitted to the State. Laura also presented a narrative report that noted highlights and challenges, as well as how she thought the work plan had gone and her suggestions for the 2011-12 work plan.

##### **2. Year End Meth Action Team Report**

Geoff Miller reported on the Meth Action Team. The Team organized a Celebrate Families event in June named Better Me Better Mom, that served 125 mothers in recovery and offered incentives for parenting skills, and support. This event went well. At the Meth Convener's meeting, data on meth as well as other drug trends was presented. Washington's approach to meth prevention was touted as a national example. Geoff reported that the meth money was under-expended this year.

### **III. BOARD BUSINESS**

#### **1. Budget**

Sharon reported that Commerce was projecting a less than 10% cut to Community Mobilization, which would be sufficient to continue to fund the staff position. Jim Vollendroff announced that he was prepared to backfill the mini-grant funds from his discretionary funding for this year only. The Board and staff were very appreciative of this offer. The Board also agreed to use the remaining mini-grants funds for this fiscal year to pay membership dues to various county, state, and national advocacy organizations, again with the stipulation that these dues could not be counted on in future years.

#### **2. Workplan**

The Board agreed with Laura's recommendations for the work plan for the coming year, and decided that they wanted to revisit the plan in several months to see how it was working. The Board expressed hope that the State would agree to lessen some of their requirements due to decreased funding.

#### **3. MOU**

The Board and the County agreed to retain the current MOU in its present form.

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#### **NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday, July 19th, 2011

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12:30-2:30